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A thread by [Ketan Joshi](#)

OKAY everyone, look here. It is time for a mega-thread of just the nastiest, shittiest, most planetarily destructive things that the Australian government has done over the past 3 yrs.

There will be swears. Tears. Charts. Articles. And I'll add to it as we get closer to May 21



Sections I'll be covering

- Greenwashing and tricks
- Fossil expansionism
- Delay, obstruction and denial of transition
- Other / just, the batshit wildest most bonkers things that we've somehow lived through

GREENWASHING

The gov't falsely declares their projections show 2030 emissions will be 35% below 2005 levels. How they did it: just deadass changed the assumption in the spreadsheet to get a higher number. No shame

It worked: the # is constantly repeated

Ketan Joshi 
@KetanJ0 · [Follow](#)



The Australian government keeps saying that its own projections show a 35% drop in emissions by 2030 (relative to 2005).

It's a lie. I will quickly explain how it's crafted, because it's really important.

Time, my friends, for a 'lil thread

Ketan Joshi  @KetanJ0
Replies to @KetanJ0

If the projects really do predict a 35% drop, it'll be the largest change in revised 2030 emissions though. what a mystery

1:01 PM · Oct 26, 2021



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GREENWASHING

This one still just drives me up the wall. At the Biden climate summit in April 2021, Morrison + Taylor flat-out invented a new accounting method to inflate emissions reductions.

(by A LOT)

(LIKE REALLY A LOTT)

(DODGY AS HELL FOLKS)

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You may have noticed a weird sense of shock and exhaustion from climate and energy folks around Australia's PM's showing at the [#LeadersClimateSummit](#).

I think it's a really significant moment, and tried to explain why here:
reneweconomy.com.au/morrison-finds...

A short , too ->

reneweconomy.com.au

Morrison finds shameless new way to fake climate...

As major emitters took major steps to enhancing climate action, Scott Morrison figured out a stunni...

1:08 PM · Apr 23, 2021



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GREENWASHING

Before their projections included renewable growth, they has to claim “over-performance” on old targets to ‘carryover’ into Paris.

Just like avoided deaths from the first wave of COVID means you are allowed to kill more people for 2nd wave
(reneweconomy.com.au/morrisons-infu...)

GREENWASHING

As above, projections were showing Aus would miss weak 2030 targets. Solution: they flat-out lied and said they were going to ‘meet and beat’ them.

Result: repeated uncritically across media for years and years and years

Angus Taylor MP

@AngusTaylorMP · [Follow](#)



Labor still don't have any answers. Meanwhile, we're getting on with meeting and beating our targets.

#auspol @Tony_Burke

News Breakfast @BreakfastNews

Labor's Tony Burke has attacked the Coalition's policy on emissions reductions and climate change, saying "they need to act".

@Mad_Morris asked five times if he could put a figure on Labor's emissions reduction target.

"No. Our job is to hold them to account," he said.

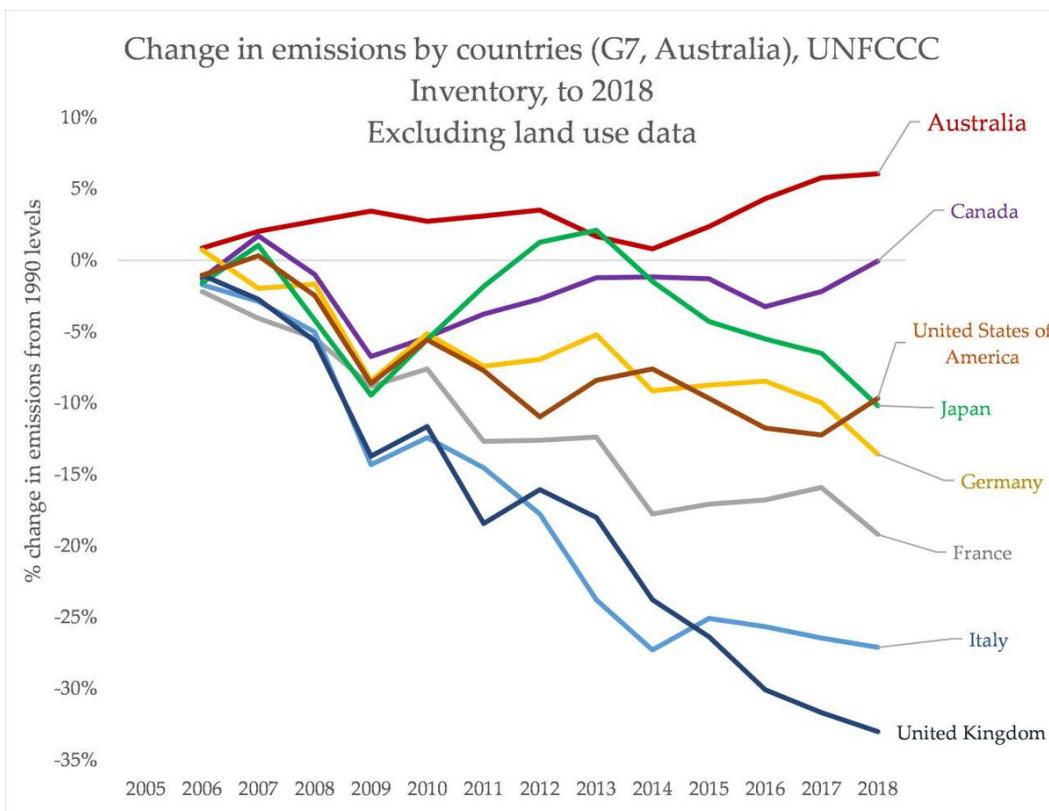
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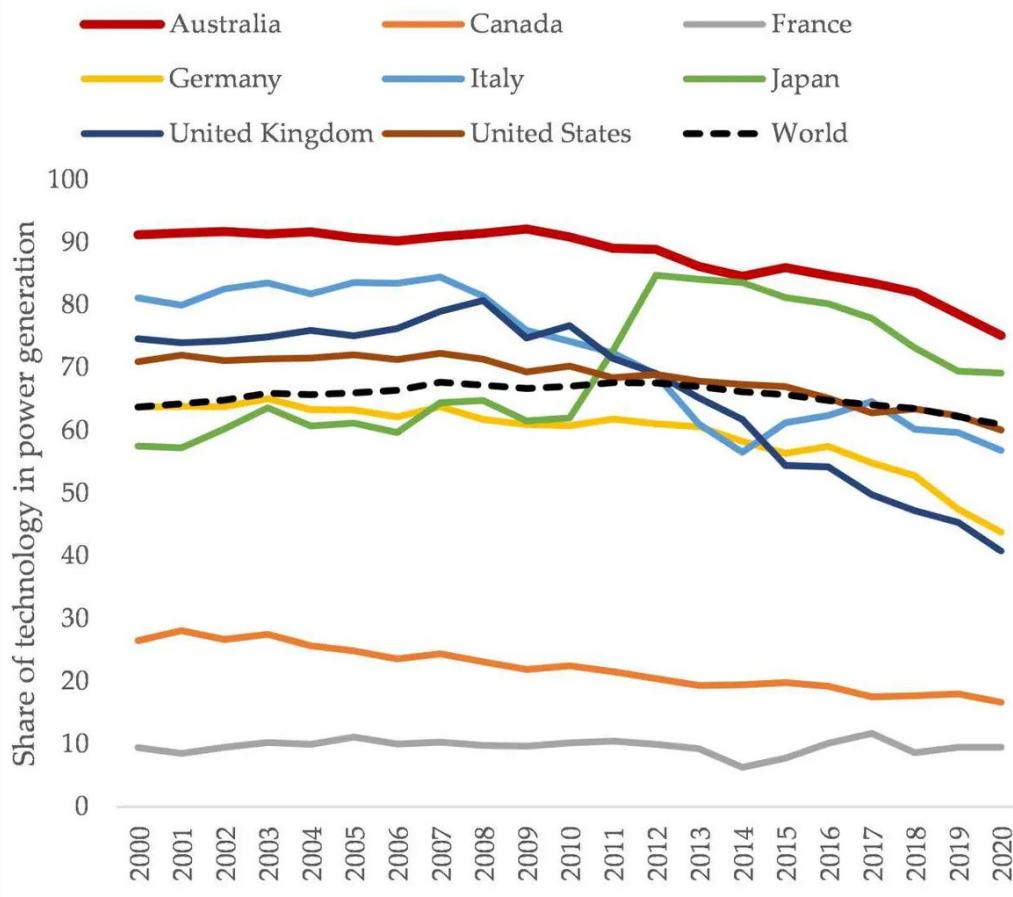
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The gov't constantly lies about "beating" other countries on climate. They do this by wrongly padding out emissions with land use. It's wrong: carbon from underground can't be stored on the surface + the data is shoddy.
[\(reneweconomy.com.au/your-g7-greenw...\)](http://reneweconomy.com.au/your-g7-greenw...)



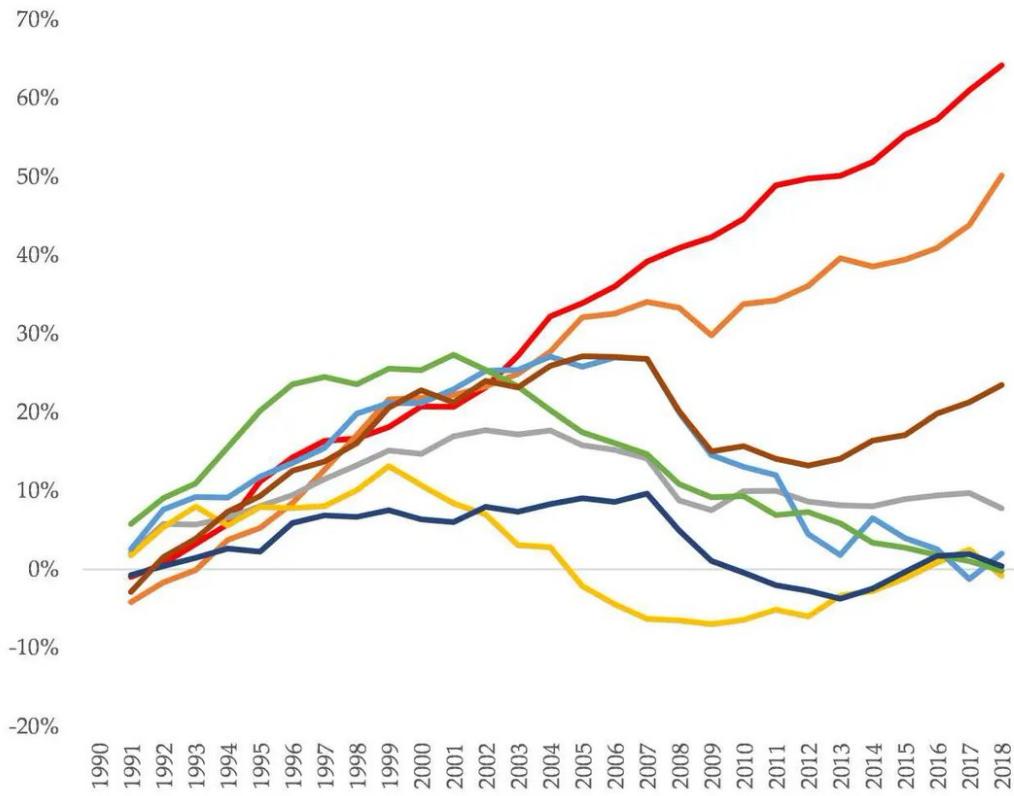
Australia vs G7, world, fossil share

Ember 2021 Global Electricity Review - (Coal, oil, gas)



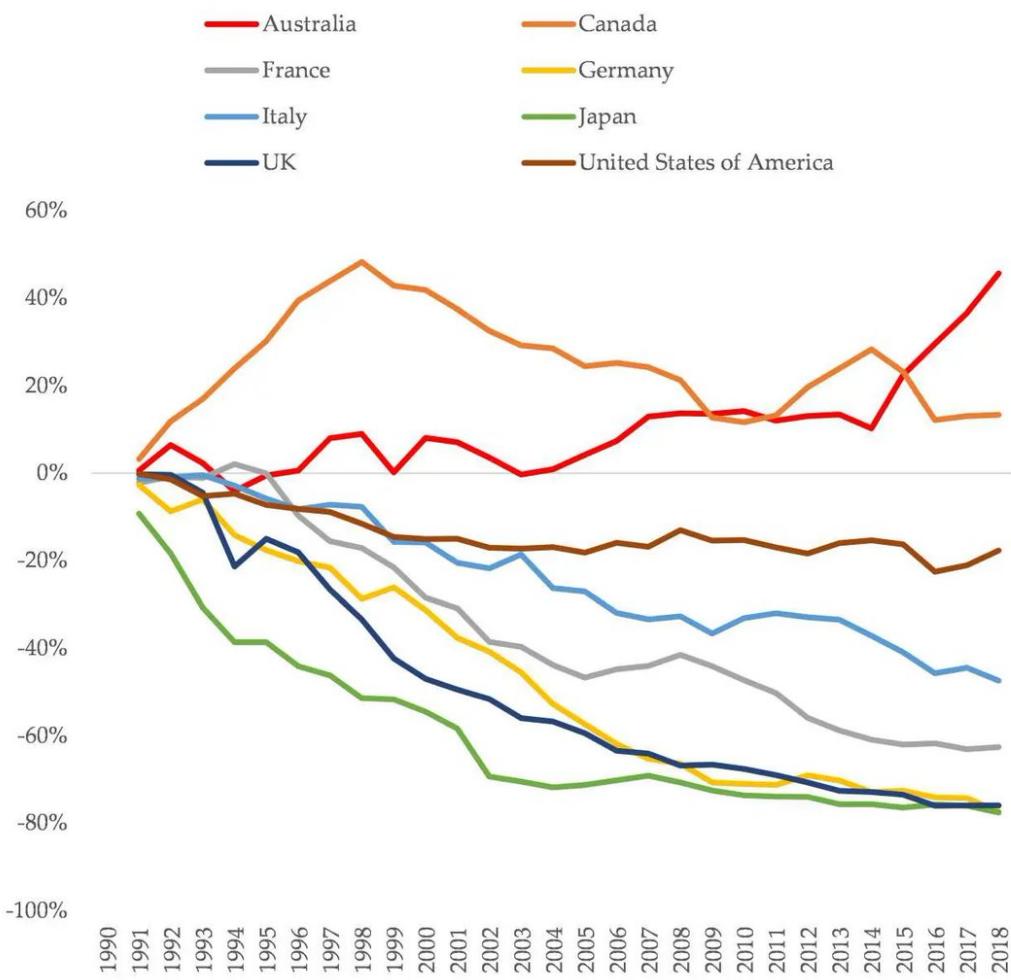
% change from 1990 emissions for transport

Query results for — Party: Australia and 7 other(s) | Year: Base year and 29 other(s) |
Category: 1.A.3 Transport | Classification: Total for category | Type of value: Net
emissions/removals | Gas: Aggregate GHGs



% change from 1990 emissions for fugitive emissions

Query results for — Party: Australia and 7 other(s) | Year: Base year and 29 other(s) | Category: 1.B Fugitive Emissions from Fuels | Classification: Total for category | Type of value: Net emissions/rem



GREENWASHING

To illustrate this another way - check out the comparison between Australia and Canada, depending on whether you include 'land use' data (again: you shouldn't - you can't cram carbon from underground into trees and soils)

Ketan Joshi @KetanJ0 · Dec 20, 2021



Replying to @KetanJ0

The other trick: they're including changes to land use, which comprise the vast bulk of Australia's "reductions".

This doesn't really count: carbon sucked into land is limited, isn't permanent, and doesn't cancel out carbon removed from deep underground.

Ketan Joshi

@KetanJ0 · Follow

Just to illustrate how significant this is - here's

Australia's changes vs Canada, with land use both excluded and included.

The narrative *completely* changes for Aus, based on whether you decide to count something that really shouldn't.

10:58 AM · Dec 20, 2021



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GREENWASHING

One key extra note on that is that MPs like [@KatieAllenMP](#) publish comparisons that use 2019 data for other countries, and 2020 data for Aus

Remember anything that happened in 2020, to the world's economies and societies? So, so dodgy.

Ketan Joshi @KetanJ0 · Dec 20, 2021



I wish I had time to tear this apart properly because it's a near-perfect example of how the Aus gov't very

consciously and actively puts real effort into lying about their climate record to their voters.

But....here's a few 'lil points for you.

Robbie D 🌈🇦🇺🇮🇹🇫🇷 @robbieolive1

This came in my letterbox today from my local MP. WTAF?! “Lowering emissions the Australian Way” - what does that even mean?! 🤷 Well, this is going straight into the recycling bin. lol

Ketan Joshi ✅
@KetanJ0 · [Follow](#)

The key visual element is this chart. @KatieAllenMP is actively exploiting a pandemic that's killed millions here, by presenting 2020 data for Aus (lower due to restrictions), and 2019 for everywhere else.

This is just.....extremely gross.

10:55 AM · Dec 20, 2021



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GREENWASHING

They keep claiming a 20% drop in emissions. Mostly achieved by wrongly including land carbon, the rest = claiming credit for drought, disease and renewable schemes Labor implemented.

Ketan Joshi @KetanJ0 · Feb 3, 2022



Replies to @TimWilsonMP @danilic and 2 others

No, you're failing badly. GHGs up ~2% from 2005 levels.
The most significant dip came entirely from the impacts
of a deadly pandemic

If you incorrectly include land use (technology or taxes?
lol), it's still only 16% (you say 20% because that's old
data that sounds better)

Ketan Joshi
@KetanJ0 · [Follow](#)

All of that 20% comes from

- Mostly land use changes
- The Labor party's RET, which you openly wanted to axe
- Drought
- Pandemic

Your only actions were to *weaken* that drop, by enabling worse emissions from coal/gas mining and combustion vehicles.

11:37 AM · Feb 3, 2022



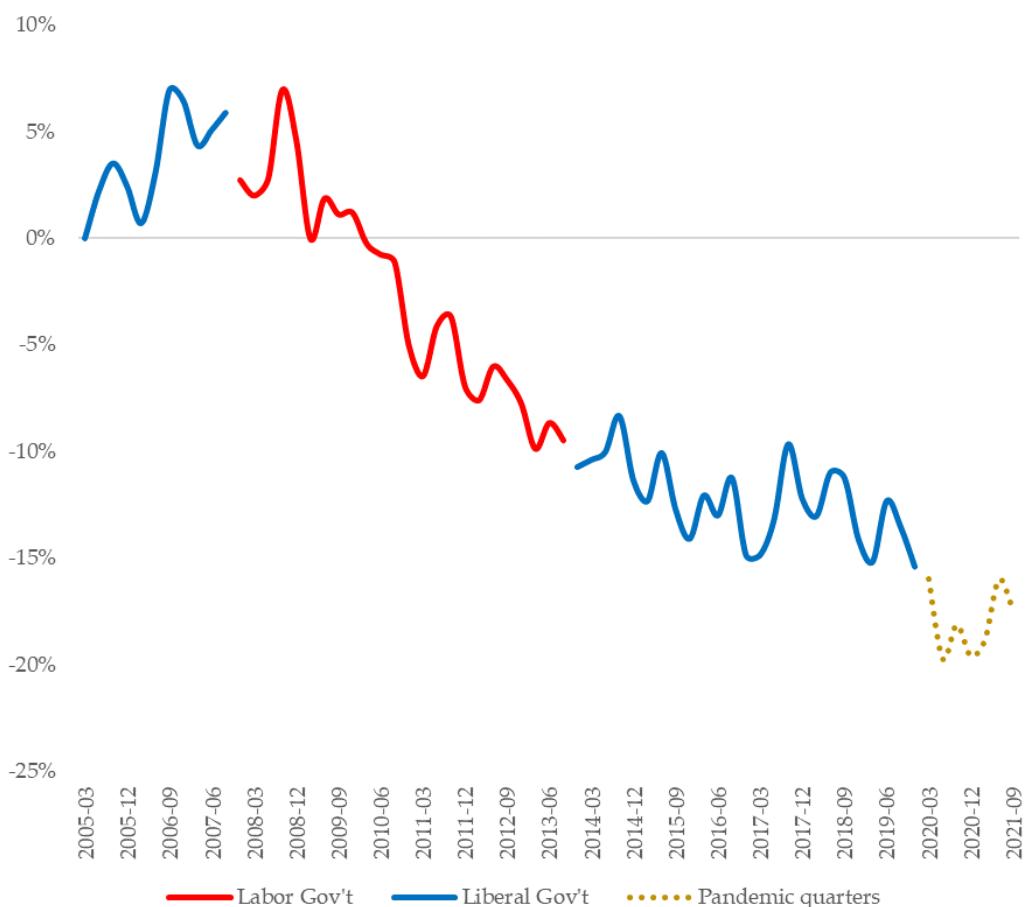
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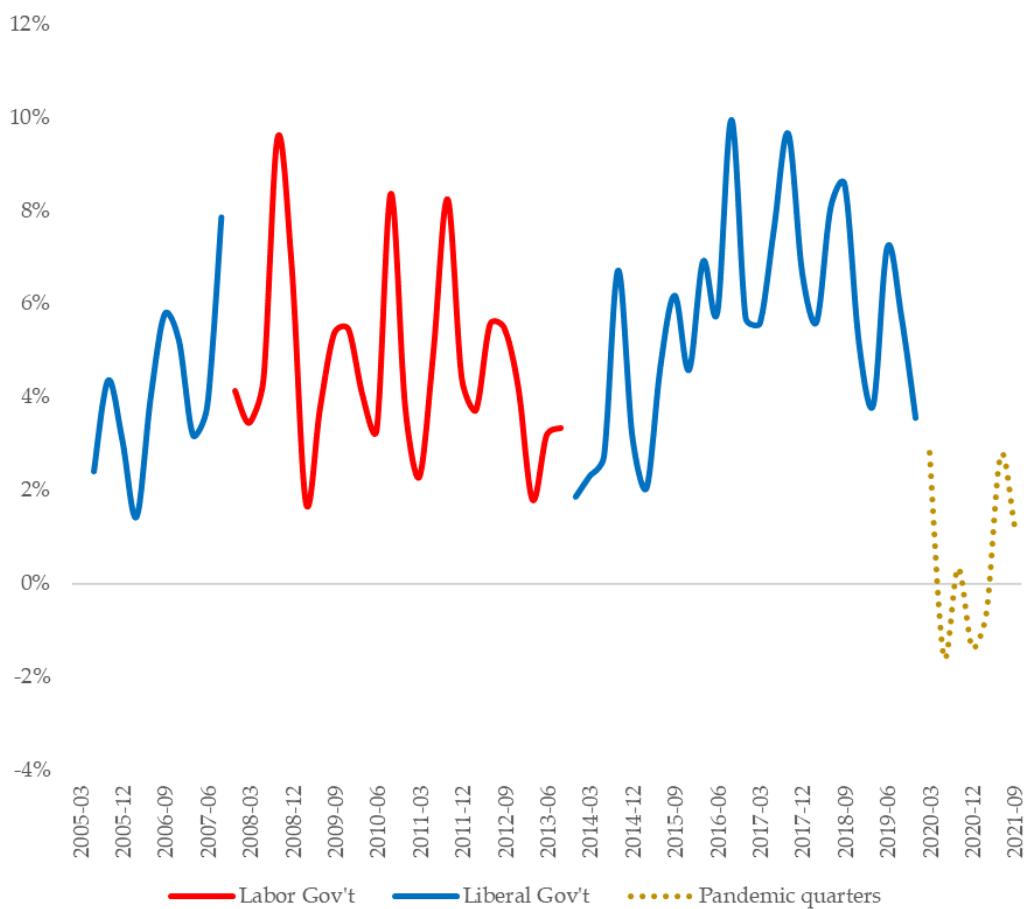
Change in Australia's emissions (including LULUCF)

from the 2005-03 quarter

Mar 2021 DISER quarterly emissions report



Change in Australia's emissions (excluding LULUCF)
from the 2005-03 quarter
Sep 2020 DISER quarterly emissions report



GREENWASHING

Angus Taylor promised electricity prices would be at \$70/MWh by the end of 2021. For 2022, they've averaged around \$95/MWh and rapidly rising.

The gov only talks about the fall, and the not the rise.....

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In graph form

Dylan McConnell @dylanjmcconnell

Replying to @dylanjmcconnell

(that was last week - they have actually gone up another ~\$10 across the board today 😐)

10:15 AM · May 16, 2022



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Dylan McConnell

@dylanjmcconnell · [Follow](#)



This is the bit the various coalition pollies are talking about when they say "electricity prices are down 8% in the last 2 years" etc.

Funny how you never hear about the ~18% increase between FY17 and FY18.

(in real terms, prices are on par with where they were in 2015-16)

7:55 AM · May 2, 2022



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That's it for today! Let me know if I missed any key greenwashing themes. We're not even a quarter of the way through, lol 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

Before I kick off today's section, a GREENWASHING I forgot (thx [@CA_Latest](#)). The gov over-focuses on solar capacity per capita because (a) Aus already has high energy / capita and (b) obscures continued fossil reliance

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Australia only has the highest uptake of solar in the world if you measure it "per capita" - which inflates the value because Australia also has among the highest energy consumption in the world.

It's still well below world averages for renewables, and well above for coal.

DFAT   @dfat

Transitioning to a cleaner, more efficient future is a priority for Australia. We are building & investing in renewable energies at record levels, including having the highest uptake of household solar in the  . See more on our practical climate action 

11:54 AM · Apr 9, 2021



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Our Australian govt fact check continues, this time on [#renewables](#). Rooftop solar has boomed, but while other countries move to [#decarbonise](#), Australia continues relying on [#fossilfuels](#).

Full report: bit.ly/CA_factcheck_r...

Thread... /2

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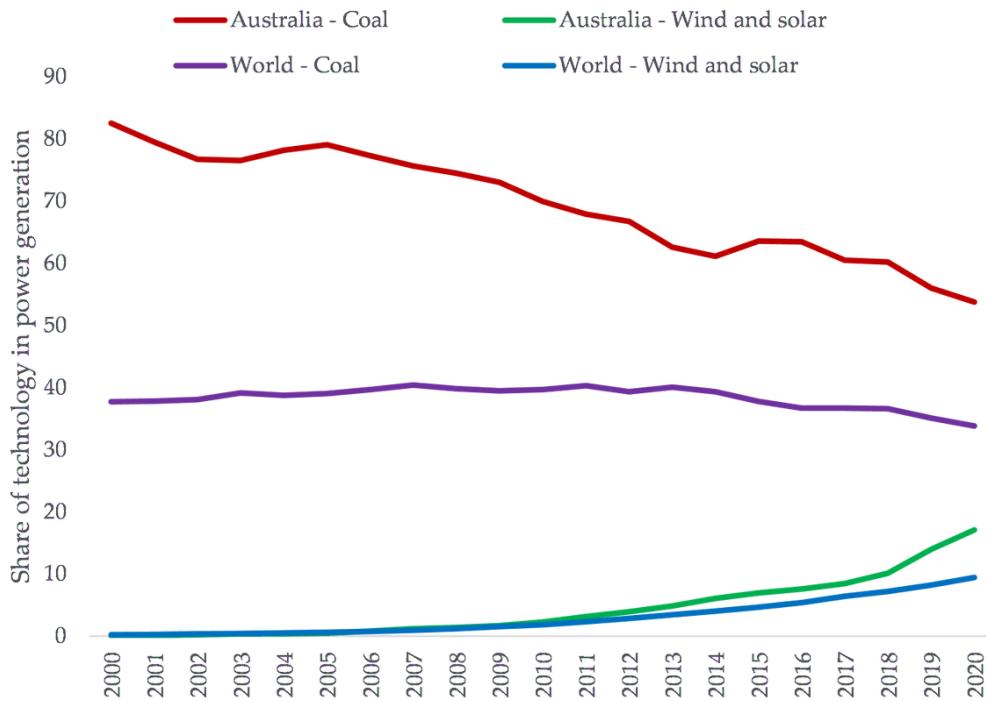
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Australia vs world, coal, wind and solar share

Ember 2021 Global Electricity Review



Anyway, onto FOSSIL EXPANSION.

The government is overseeing a huge expansion of fossil fuel mining projects, which will blast the world past climate targets if the fuel they extract is burned (~200 coal plants worth)

). (australiainstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Planned-fossil-fuel-projects-in-Australia.pdf).

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Please enjoy this updated list of 143 planned fossil fuel projects in Australia.

That's 68 new coal mines or extensions, 45 gas or petroleum projects and 25 bits of fossil fuel infrastructure (pipelines, etc).



[industry.gov.au/data-and-publi...](https://industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/)

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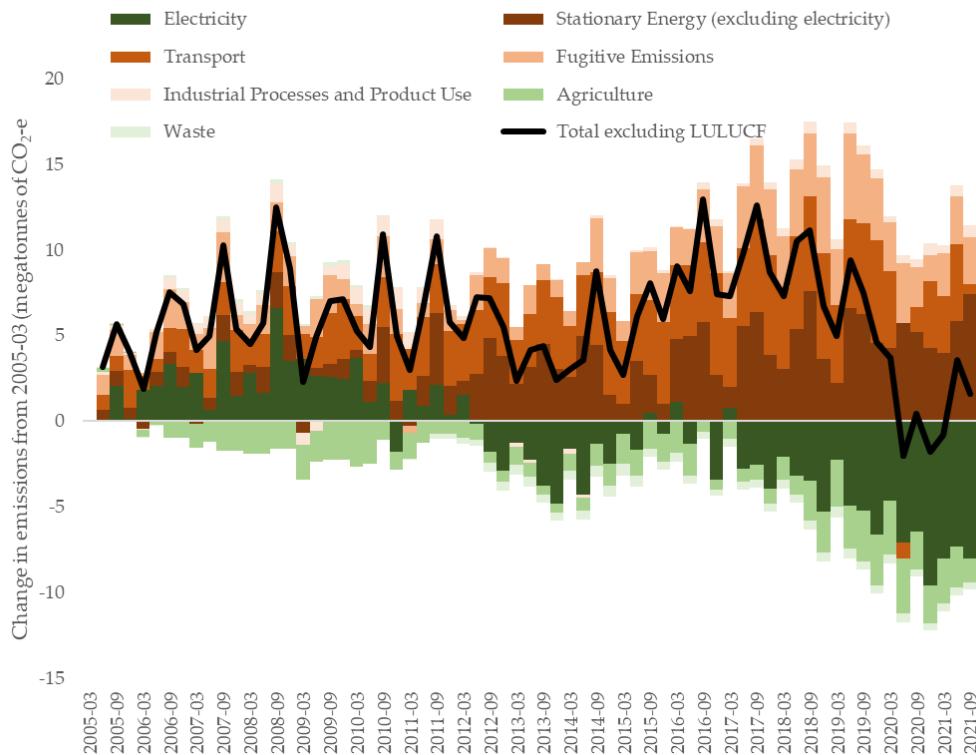
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FOSSIL EXPANSION

Every single quarter since 2005 has seen a rise in Australia's emissions, except mid-2020 to mid-2021, due to the pandemic. Excluding that, rising coal/gas mining and worsening transport emissions have cancelled out growing renewables.

Changes in Australia's emissions (excluding land use)
DISER Sep 2021

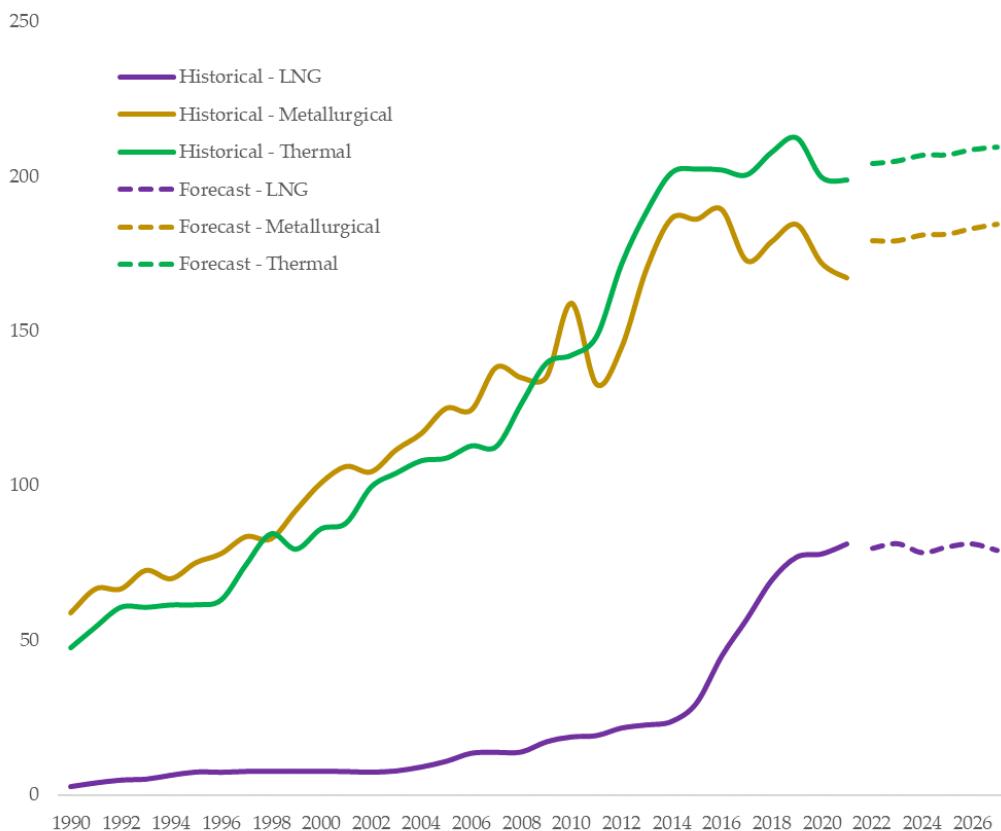


FOSSIL EXPANSION

Those fossil mining projects - wrecking domestic emissions accounts - are also being exported and are burned. 2019 - 2021 = ~3,500 MTCO₂. Comfortably more than double domestic emissions.

Aus punches above its weight when it comes to causing climate disasters.

Historical and forecasted fossil fuel exports
Australia, Liquified gas, Metallurgical coal, Thermal coal
Department of Industry, Resources and Energy Quarterly, March 2022, megatonnes



FOSSIL EXPANSION

Ties in w/ greenwashing: hydrogen made from fossil fuels = a new demand source. But Aus' gov't just has to do the filthiest, nastiest version of it. My thread below + [@CA_Latest](#) -> [\(\)](https://climateanalytics.org/media/australi...)

Ketan Joshi [@KetanJ0](#) · [Follow](#)



As always I'm coming to Aus energy and climate things about 13 hours too late but look, I **need** to tell you about precisely how stunningly bad this project is

So, a short thread

RN Breakfast [@RNBreakfast](#)

Replying to [@RNBreakfast](#)

Australia will export the first ever shipment of liquefied hydrogen to Japan.

The hydrogen is currently being made with coal but

Energy Minister @AngusTaylorMP says the trade will be crucial in bringing down global emissions.
[abc.net.au/radionational/...](http://abc.net.au/radionational/)

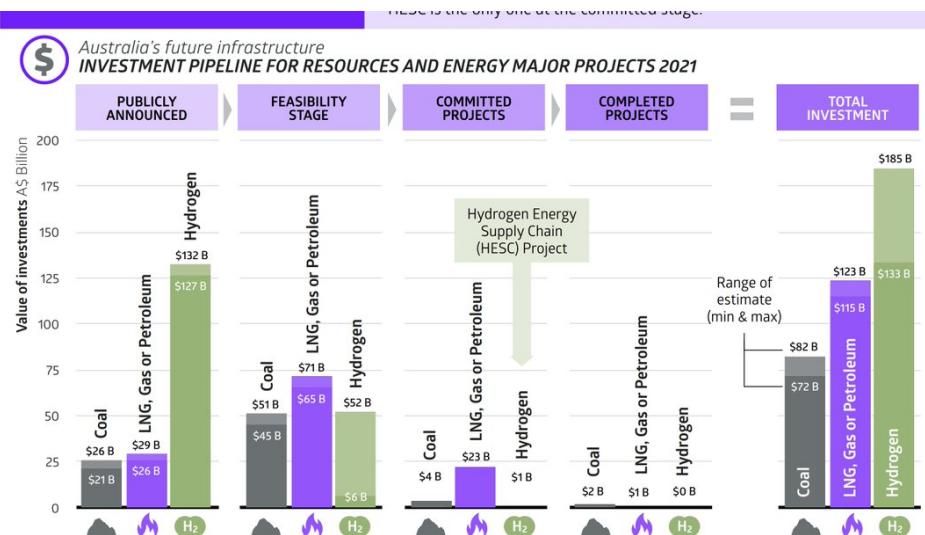
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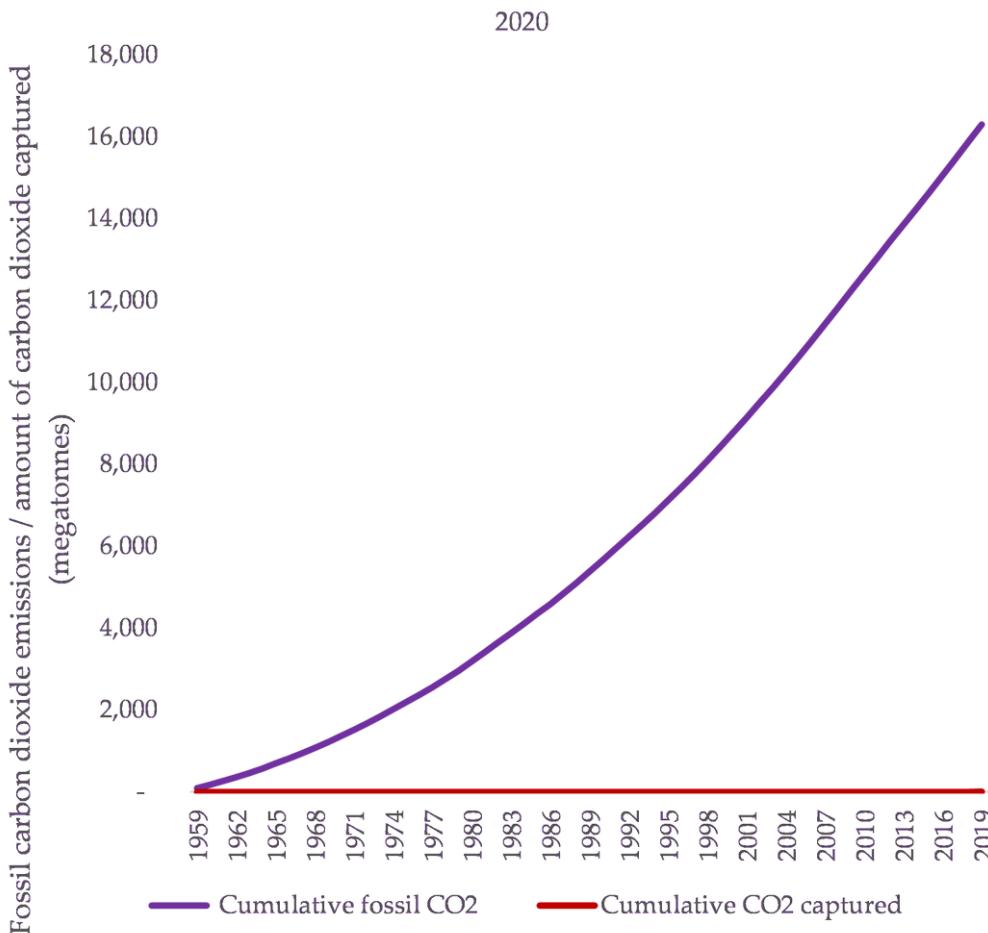


FOSSIL EXPANSION

CCS, before we get onto the next few, just needs to be reiterated as a catastrophic and total failure in essentially every regard, except as a tool for justifying worsening climate change, for which it has done exceptionally well.

Australia's cumulative emitted CO₂ vs Australia's cumulative captured CO₂

Global Carbon Project 2020, Global CCS report 2020, Boiling Cold



FOSSIL EXPANSION

One of the sneakiest, nastiest little fossil fuel expansion schemes is the generation of carbon credits by CCS. Dreamt up by Santos and written into legislation by the company's gov't representatives

It is utterly reprehensible. Thread:

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Okay. So, here's a bit of a hefty piece for you, at [@renew_economy](#).

It's about how **WILD** it is Australia is going to COP26 as the first government anywhere in the world to grant carbon credits to CCS projects - as demanded by the fossil fuel industry.

reneweconomy.com.au

The fossil fuel industry's CCS offsets scheme is a...

The fossil fuel industry has won a fight to enable the granting of offset certificates to carbon capture ...

11:58 AM · Oct 4, 2021



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FOSSIL EXPANSION

This one is a bit more slapstick: Angus Taylor has been trying to get the gov renewables agency to fund CCS, except it's been implemented and reversed many, many times now.

Sometimes, their own ineptness is a brake on their harmfulness

Ketan Joshi @KetanJ0 · May 10, 2022



What are the most awful, egregious, arrogant, shameless stories of climate wrecking from the Australian gov't, from the past three years?

Just instances of sheer bloody-minded destructiveness. For a thread I'll do in the lead up to the election!

Ketan Joshi @KetanJ0

The flight schedule of Australia's environment minister while lobbying for the Great Barrier Reef to be excluded from an 'in danger' listing. On a military diplomatic jet.

theguardian.com/environment/20...

Tim Baxter

@timinclimate · [Follow](#)

ARENA regs has to be on the list. Not because it was the most meaningful. Mostly just because they were so shit that even an LNP-led Senate committee recommended they be pulled. Then they were reintroduced, then pulled, then reintroduced.

12:16 AM · May 11, 2022



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FOSSIL EXPANSION

What Brynn said. Everything Brynn says, in this thread.

Brynn O'Brien

@brynnobrien · [Follow](#)



can't stop thinking about how our govt set up a covid recovery commission that did nothing about vaccine procurement and rollout, or protecting aged care residents and essential workers, in a health crisis BUT recommended subsidising the fossil fuels industry, in a climate crisis

7:18 AM · Aug 18, 2021



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FOSSIL EXPANSION

"Climate inaction" is a phrase I've tried to remove from my content. These people are actively accelerating climate destruction. They're good at this.

"Australian fossil fuel subsidies surge to \$11.6 billion in 2021-22"
australiainstitute.org.au/post/australia...)

FOSSIL EXPANSION

And then, after using a deadly pandemic to justify worsening climate change, the government has been using a deadly war to justify worsening climate change. (theguardian.com/australia-news...). That's it for fossil expansionism today. Tomorrow, actively delaying the transition and stymying progress. Please let me know if I've missed anything out so far!



Happy Thursday, my loves. Today's lesson will be about actively delaying emissions reductions, partic when some inherent momentum has been created towards change (eg, cheap renewables, or nascent investor rejection of high-emitting companies)



Sky News Australia

@SkyNewsAust

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The Australian's Dr Jennifer Oriel says it's important to have a "slow transition" to renewable energy to achieve net zero.



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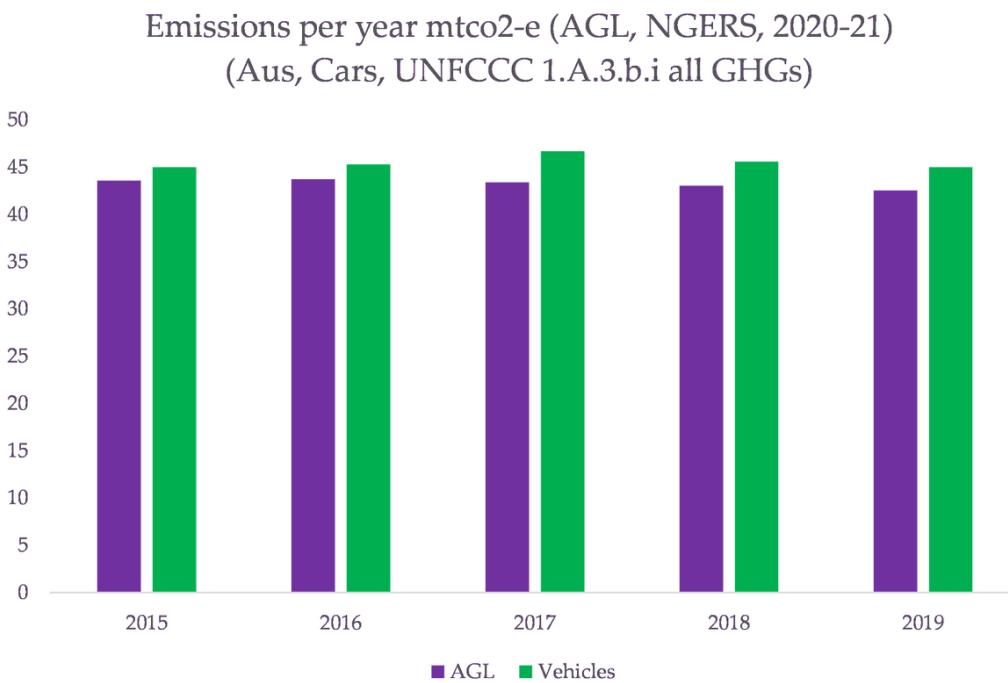
'Transitioning timing' to renewable energy is 'really important'

The Australian's Dr Jennifer Oriel says it's important to have a "slow transition" to renewable energy to achieve net zero. Dr Oriel said it is "inevitable" there will be a ...

DELAY

Remember that time [@JoshFrydenberg](#) tried to get the boss of [@AGLAustralia](#) sacked because Frydenberg was worried he wanted to reduce emissions too much?

Now, AGL is still pumping out roughly as much emissions as ALL AUSTRALIA'S CARS ↴_(ツ)_↵
([thesaturdaypaper.com.au/news/politics/...](#))



DELAY

Angus Taylor straight-up just pushed out a blatantly bullshit \$560 bill increase figure for Labor's climate policies, and it got repeated across media outlets (with a few notable exceptions being critical / scrutinising the claim) ([abc.net.au/news/2022-05-1...](#)).



(^^ Still no modelling released, btw - I might have something for y'all on this in the coming days though, lol)

DELAY

At COP25, Aus shoved a massive crowbar in the spokes of negotiations so it could retain the right to use the aforementioned dodgy carryover cheat to fake action.

1 year later, they decided to not use it anyway. Fucking hell

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hell (theguardian.com/environment/20...).

DELAY

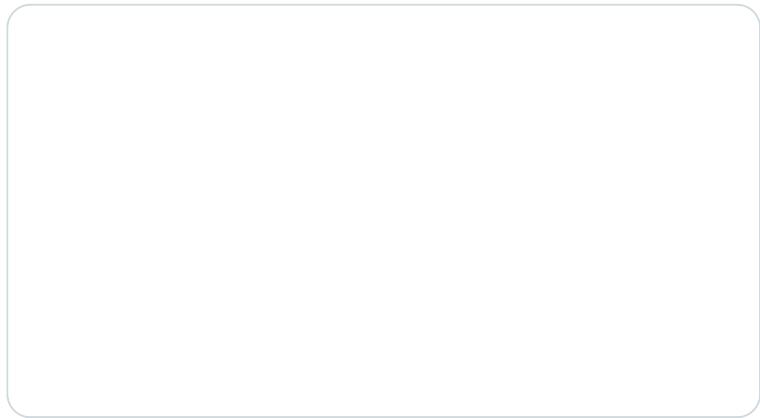
Scott Morrison literally explained with his actual hands that he plans to go as slowly as possible in the near-term on emissions, and then hope for a magical last-minute sprint.

No secrets here. He's literally saying it out loud. Thread:

Still catching up on everything I missed last week. This one is REALLY important: Aus is setting up to "backload" its emissions reductions. That is: set a net zero target, but lump all the work 2045-2050

Morrison said this very clearly and directly:

pm.gov.au/media/press-co...



9:46 AM · Apr 28, 2021



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Just to be clear: he doesn't actually 'hope' for a last minute sprint, he hopes to be either dead or forgotten by the time the consequences of this decision become clearly publicly understood as linked to the decision. Sorry to dwell on this, but again, he drew it in the air in front of his actual face, yet somehow this still gets treated as some sort of non-existent, unknowable mystery that can never be included in reportage on this issue

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"Hello, I'm going to delay climate action"

"SCOTT MORRISON SETS NET ZERO TARGET. IS TODAY THE DAY HE BECAME PRIME MINISTER. A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ON THE INSIDE HE WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING"

"Sorry, no, I'm going to go as slow as possible"

"SCOTT MORRISON: MODERATE"

DELAY

The Gorgon CCS failure is globally significant, in how it wasted funds that could've been spent on actual emissions reductions and funnelled it to fossil execs instead.

This flagship sunk seconds after it hit the water

Ketan Joshi  @KetanJ0 · Nov 2, 2021



Here's Australia's cumulative CO2 emissions from 1959 onwards, vs the total amount avoided through the use of carbon capture:

Richie Merzian @RichieMerzian

Taxes for technology

@AngusTaylorMP @SantosLtd at your Aus pavillion

Spruiking the colossal failure of CCS which Taylor has fastracked to earn Aussie carbon credits paid for by taxpayers

#cop26 🚧

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Chevron owns the Gorgon plant, the biggest CCS project in Aus and among the biggest project in the world.

The red strip here is emissions avoided by the plant, compared to Chevron's total actual emissions they are responsible for as a company.

11:36 AM · Nov 2, 2021

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DELAY

Angus Taylor tried desperately to implement a “coalkeeper” scheme, which incentivises coal plants to stay open as long as possible. Designed to counteract the forces of renewable energy reducing wholesale prices. Literal delay. Very evil. (reneweconomy.com.au/no-big-bang-as...) DELAY

Angus Taylor’s long-running campaign to force AGL to keep Liddell open was abandoned.

Purely out of hurt feelings, they dedicated a pile of taxpayer’s money to building a fossil gas power station that isn’t needed.

(reneweconomy.com.au/crony-capitali...) That’s it for today, but again, I’m so sure I’ve missed things so for this or any previous section please let me know!

An update on the fossil hydrogen bit, too:
canberratimes.com.au/story/7743700/...

A quick summary of the greenwashing bit, from my TikTok
tiktok.com/@ketanj0?lang=....

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Last day folks. Election is tomorrow. The final section is just the nasty stuff. The wasteful, egregious, batshit, cruel and shameless stuff. The salt in the wound. The high fives when scrapping carbon pricing. The Great 3-year Smirk.



NASTY

At a [@QRCouncil](#) dinner in late 2019, [@C4KylieM](#) asked [@ScottMorrisonMP](#) about the GBR's fate, and Aus' fossil mining.

The audience of rich, wine-soaked fossil fuel executives loudly booed her. Scott Morrison smiled. (ketanjoshi.co/2019/11/01/coe...)

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NASTY

Literally flying around the world on a military jet to convince the UN not to classify the reef as "in danger".

It is in danger. It just suffered a major bleaching event, despite cooler La Nina conditions. (theguardian.com/environment/20...)

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@KetanJ0 · [Follow](#)



The flight schedule of Australia's environment minister while lobbying for the Great Barrier Reef to be excluded from an 'in danger' listing. On a military diplomatic jet.

theguardian.com/environment/20...

8:22 AM · Jul 24, 2021

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NASTY

Someone in the Energy Minister's office deadass flat-out straight-up fabricated a government document to pin shit on a progressive mayor in Sydney and never suffered a single consequence for it

Ketan Joshi 
@KetanJ0 · [Follow](#)



I think we've all become a little desensitised, so it's worth pausing to truly soak in how wild it is that Australia's 'emissions reduction' minister used a

fabricated gov't document to make up information about emissions, and will suffer no consequence of any kind.

Clover Moore  @CloverMoore

Replies to @CloverMoore

It is nearly beyond belief that the Minister is still, after months of intense scrutiny, yet to explain the origin of the fraudulent document he used to accuse the City of egregious spending on travel.

8:26 AM · Feb 7, 2020



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^^ As a fun aside to that news, today we found out that said Energy Minister Angus Taylor has blocked the release of key documents. Just a total piece of shit move, but absolutely in keeping with the tone of this section.

Michael Mazengarb  
@MichaelM_ACT · [Follow](#)

Angus Taylor denies access to details of infamous Clover Moore letter, saying they are not 'official documents' under FOI laws.

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Angus Taylor denies access to details of Clover Moore lett...

Angus Taylor blocks FOI request for documents relating to infamous Clover Moore letter, which wrongly exaggerated ...

7:11 AM · May 20, 2022



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NASTY

Remember that CCS carbon credits scheme I talked about? Dreamt up and probably just straight-up written by Santos, a major fossil gas producer.

They had prime position at [#COP26](#), with a huge model of their CCS greenwashing project. Holy hell. (reneweconomy.com.au/taylor-and-dep...)





This is the last time it was seen in public. RIP, CCS stand. I hope you're living your best life somewhere in a warehouse in Scotland

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The Santos CCS stand is on the move. Let's hope a renewables showcase replaces it.
[#cop26](#)

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12:10 PM · Nov 3, 2021



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NASTY

Scott Morrison just absolutely embarrassed everyone involved in a trade

deal with the UK due to a demand to have climate temperature targets removed (reneweconomy.com.au/uk-trade-deal-...).



NASTY

Finally....the 2019-20 bushfires. Just months after he was elected, the consequences of burning fossil fuels hit in a real, physical way. The scale of tragedy and loss is tough to comprehend.

Scott Morrison went on a holiday to Hawaii, as the disaster unfolded.



That was bad. We know now he's perpetually shrugging off responsibility.

But in response to the bushfires, Morrison wasn't just lazy. He actively ran the fossil fuel industry's talking points. In short: he laid the groundwork for even worse bushfire disasters in the near future

Australia's PM Scott Morrison plays down climate link to bushfire crisis as he visits firefighters

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Scott Morrison

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Scott Morrison says no evidence links Australia's carbon emissions to bushfires

PM suggests Australia could increase emissions without worsening current fire season, and says government finalising plans to crack down on environmental protests



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It is this moment - the disaster, and his own and his party's response - that ties together the past three years of greenwashing, fossil expansion and delay / obstructionism.

Scott Morrison saw Australians getting hurt, and then set his mind to enabling them being hurt more. The Coalition party, and Scott Morrison and Angus Taylor, aren't just dodgers of responsibility. They are active threats.

They put whatever sparks of energy they have left towards making cost of living, physical disasters and disorganised transition risk much worse, immediately. Do not vote for these people. They are single-minded, and maniacal, and they'd happily see us all erased if it meant extending their material comforts and fossil industry friendships for another half-minute.

The end ❤️

(will add in appendices with everything I've forgotten)

I keep remembering various horrors of the past 3 years I forgot to add to my thread. This was a big one. The 2019 election attack campaign against EVs and Labor's fuel policies? Morrison just...denied it ever happened. Which is pure madness.

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That whole thing was just stunning. The Energy and Emissions Reductions Minister had his dweeby young-lib staff shitposting sad little memes (ironically pre-empting modern day Elon Musk). The Coalition went on to win that election.

Angus Taylor MP

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